

## PICK ELEMENTARY

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**OCTOBER 12- END OF THE FIRST 9 WEEKS**

**OCTOBER 16- PARENT CONFERENCE DAY- NO SCHOOL!**

**OCTOBER 16- PICTURE DAY FOR REMOTE LEARNERS**

**OCTOBER 19- MAKE UP PICTURE DAY FOR TRADITIONAL STUDENTS**

**NOVEMBER 11TH- VETERAN'S DAY NO SCHOOL!**

### STAFF BIRTHDAYS

J. Strickland 10/2

K. Weaver 10/3

T. Ledbetter 10/8

M. Barnett 10/8

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## Fall is in the air!

We are about to reach our first 9-week milestone for this academic year! Thank you all for your ongoing support as we are navigating our current situation. Our PES Leaders ROCK! We are doing a great job at PES keeping our leaders safe and healthy! Currently, at PES this 9 weeks, we have only had 2 reported cases of COVID. We are thankful for the many measures in place to keep our leaders safe.

Please continue to be the first line of defense in checking your child each morning before loading the bus or arriving at school. We appreciate your

help at home to keep everyone healthy and at school!

### **REPORT CARDS-**

At the end of this first 9-weeks, your child's teacher will reach out to you to schedule a parent conference to discuss your child's first 9 weeks. October 16, 2020 has been designated as ACS Parent Conference Day. During your conference, you can discuss study skills, work habits, organizational skills and time management which are all key to a successful school year. We just completed screening assessments to start the year. We administered the STAR

Reading and STAR Math assessments to all students. These assessments help us to identify areas of strength and areas in need of work for each child. We will give these assessments again in January and May.

### **\*Parent Workshops**

We want to offer **Parent Workshop Sessions** (remotely) to you this year! Based on our Parent Survey last spring, this was something you asked for. Please take a moment to answer these 6 quick questions so we can plan topics that interest you and offer them at a time best for you as well.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdrdKa9VO0lhJmwPB8pOAzCjEGqtWnRwTKiXuvyds8CmQ9Pw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdrdKa9VO0lhJmwPB8pOAzCjEGqtWnRwTKiXuvyds8CmQ9Pw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**Handbook 101 Reminders:** Technology has become a very important learning tool in our schools. We are very fortunate at PES to have a Computer lab teacher at PES, **Mrs. Suzanne Parish**. Mrs. Parish is currently traveling to each classroom with a mobile lab to teach technology safety and usage. Students have lessons about online safety, troubleshooting tips and keyboarding skills. Our State standards do require keyboard mastery and practice in grades 3-5. We encourage you to have conversations about online safety with your child at home. You are encouraged to check the apps on your child's devices and to closely monitor screen time at home. Balancing the use of technology is key. Please see the ACS Student Handbook for more information regarding the ACS Technology Safe Use Policies.

### **October 16 is Picture Day**

for **Remote Learners!** If you signed up for the Birthday Book Club, you will also have your picture made that day as well! Come to the PES multipurpose room, by parking around the back of the building please!

### **October 19 is Make Up Picture Day for Traditional Students!**

Congratulations to our 3rd graders and "new to PES" Students who recently found out which 7 Habit Team they are on! This is an exciting time for a new Pick Leader! T-shirts may still be purchased through PTO for \$10.00 each in team colors. Students earn points for their 7 Habit teams by showing leadership throughout the day, wearing their team colors on Fridays and through friendly point competitions!

P-R-I-D-E I've Got PICK PRIDE in me!